

TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Tennessee State Council Junior Order United American
Mechanics Held at Chattanooga, Tenn. May 14-15 1918
235 Officers and Representatives Present
National Councilor John H. Noyes, Plaistow,
N. H. and Past National Councilor James
L. Cooper, Pittsburgh, Pa. Present



E. O. Luther, Madisonville, State Councilor

The 24th annual convention of the Tennessee State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14-15, 1918 in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

The public exercises were called to order at 9 o'clock by State Councilor H. M. Rankin, and State Chaplain D. A. Webb offered the invocation.

Hon. Jesse S. Littleton, Mayor of Chattanooga, delivered the address of welcome and paid a tribute to the American flag and the Holy Bible, the chief emblem of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and to the objects of the order and the ends it has already attained. He said he is in sympathy with the objects of the Order, and was at one time a member. He referred to the policy of the order, in furthering the cause of education, the American flag over every school house, the teaching of patriotism and the restriction of immigration. On behalf of the city government and the citizens of Chattanooga, he cordially welcomed the visitors to the city.

State Councilor H. M. Rankin,

He congratulated Tennessee members of the order on their organized strength and on the work they have accomplished.

Executive Session

State Councilor H. M. Rankin, then called the 24th annual convention to order at 10 o'clock a. m. and the committee on credentials reported 235 officials and representatives entitled to seats. The new representatives were admitted and obligated, and seated.

Committees on resolutions, press and memorials were appointed. The report of the Officers were then read and referred to proper committees.

The State Councilor and State Vice Councilor reported the Order in Tennessee in good condition as the past year had been one of progress, and success, resulting in a gratifying increase in the membership and financial condition.

The State Secretary reported an increase in membership, showing 20,615 members in good standing, being a net gain in membership for the year of about 1,600. Receipts were \$28,158.05 and disbursements \$27,321.32.



D. H. Barker, Chattanooga, State Secretary

was increased from 9 cents to 21 cents per capita, caused an increase in disbursements.

At the afternoon session National Councilor John H. Noyes of Plaistow, N. H. delivered one of the most spirited and instructive addresses that has ever been delivered before the State Council since it was organized under a charter from the National Council, dated June 25, 1895.

He spoke of dangers of "indiscriminate immigration laws of the nation." He said the Jr. O. U. A. M. is accomplishing more good in the United States than is any other order. He said that through its influence a bill restricting foreign immigration was recently adopted by Congress, by the largest affirmative vote that was ever recorded for such a measure.

The bill was vetoed by President Wilson, making it the fourth time in the history of the country that such a bill had been vetoed, the first by President Cleveland, next by President Taft, third by President Wilson, and the fourth time by President Wilson, but this last time it was passed over President Wilson's veto by a clear substantial two-thirds vote in its favor, and is now the law of this nation.

He said he was pleased to state that every Senator and Congressman from Tennessee had voted for the measure, and stood manfully by their first vote when the bill was passed over President Wilson's last veto.

He paid a glowing tribute to the great work and assistance rendered to the National Committee at Washington, D. C., by Congressman Richard W. Austin of the second Tennessee district who had always worked and voted while he has been in Congress for every measure that has been advocated by this Order.

His reference to the assistance rendered by Congressman Austin, produced such loud applause that the speaker was unable to proceed with his address until order had been restored in the convention.

Past National Councilor James L. Cooper delivered a clear and concise address on the principles and objects of the Order, its present favorable condition, the funeral benefit department, the beneficiary degree, and the National Orphans, Home, established and maintained by this Order at Tiffin, Ohio. Both of the National officials were greeted with continued applause while delivering their addresses, and they made a deep impression on all the members attending this session of the State Council.

Election of Officers

resulted as follows; State Councilor, E. O. Luther, Madisonville, State Vice Councilor W. B. Ellis, Knoxville, State Secretary D. H. Barker, Chattanooga, State Treasurer Geo. M. Trotter, Knoxville, State Warden J. A. Cummings, Jonesboro. State Conductor, Mose Lee Waller, Lenoir City, Inside Sentinel, W. E. Crenshaw, Wartburg, Outside Sentinel, J. M. Pinkston, Bulls Gap, State Chaplain, Rev. D. A. Webb, Knoxville, Trustees, B. J. Lamb, Rockwood, J. K. Trent, Trentville, A. R. Gullin, Knoxville.

Place of meeting 1919, Morristown

Among the resolutions adopted the most important were, pledging the support of the Order to the President of the United States against Russian autocracy and Militarism; providing for the erection of a Tennessee Cottage to cost about \$20,000.00 at the National Orphans Home, at Tiffin, Ohio, for the use of the 75 children from Tennessee who are now being cared for there; appropriating \$300.00 for expenses of State Councilor in visiting local Councils, and organizing work; thanking the U. S. Senators and Congressmen from Tennessee for their support of measures advocated by this Order.

A telegram was read from National Secretary Martin M. Woods, congratulating the State Council on the good work accomplished in Tennessee, the fine increase in membership, and the prompt payment of per capita and Orphans Home Tax.

State Secretary, D. H. Barker, presented State Councilor H. M. Rankin with a fine gavel made from laurel grown on Lookout Mountain, as a reward for his faithful performance of duty while serving as State Councilor.

Mr. Rankin received the gavel, and responded in a graceful manner, promising to preserve it as a valuable reminder that his services were appreciated.

Secretary Barker also presented to the sixteen Past State Councilors, a finely executed and nicely framed crayon portrait of each one, which was accepted on their behalf by the Senior Past State Councilor A. S. Bashore, who served as State Councilor in 1899-1900, he then being a resident of Chattanooga but now living at Dayton, Ohio.

A. B. Adams, who had been appointed as Deputy National Councilor for Tennessee, read his commission, and tendered his resignation which was accepted by the National Councilor, who then appointed Jas. L. Wilmot of Washington, D. C. as Deputy National Councilor for Tennessee.



George M. Trotter, Knoxville, State Treasurer

At 5:30 p. m. the State Council was adjourned to meet Wednesday at 9:00 a. m.

Second day Wednesday, May 15th

Called to order at 9 a. m. by State Councilor H. M. Rankin and after prayer by State Chaplain D. A. Webb and singing of America by the entire body the regular order of business was taken up.

The recommendations of State officers and resolutions that had been submitted and referred to appropriate committees consumed the time until the noon hour.

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National Councilor John H. Noyes then installed the State Council officers elect, and the State Council after singing America and a benediction by State Chaplain D. A. Webb was closed in due form to meet at Morristown, Tenn., the second Tuesday in May, 1919.



W. B. Ellis, Knoxville, State Vice Councilor

spoke briefly of the hospitality of Chattanooga generally and formally acknowledged the welcome, introducing National Councilor John H. Noyes who spoke at length of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and on conditions in America in which the order is interested. He referred to the National Jr. O. U. A. M. orphans' home at Tiffin, Ohio, where he said over 300 orphaned children are housed, fed and educated, 75 of them being from Tennessee. Of the immigration laws of the Nation and effort to afford more stringent restrictions in such laws.

In addition to this \$1,915.35 was received for the Tennessee Cottage to be erected at the National Orphans Home at Tiffin, Ohio.

The State Treasurer reported.

Balance on hand May 1917, \$10,736.04
 Received from State Sec. 27,971.30
 Received by interest 175.75
 Refund on overcharge 10.00
 Total \$38,894.09

Disbursements 27,321.32

Balance on hand May 1918, 11,572.77

The receipts for this year were \$9,000.00 more than last year, but the increase in the National Tax, and the Orphan Home Tax which

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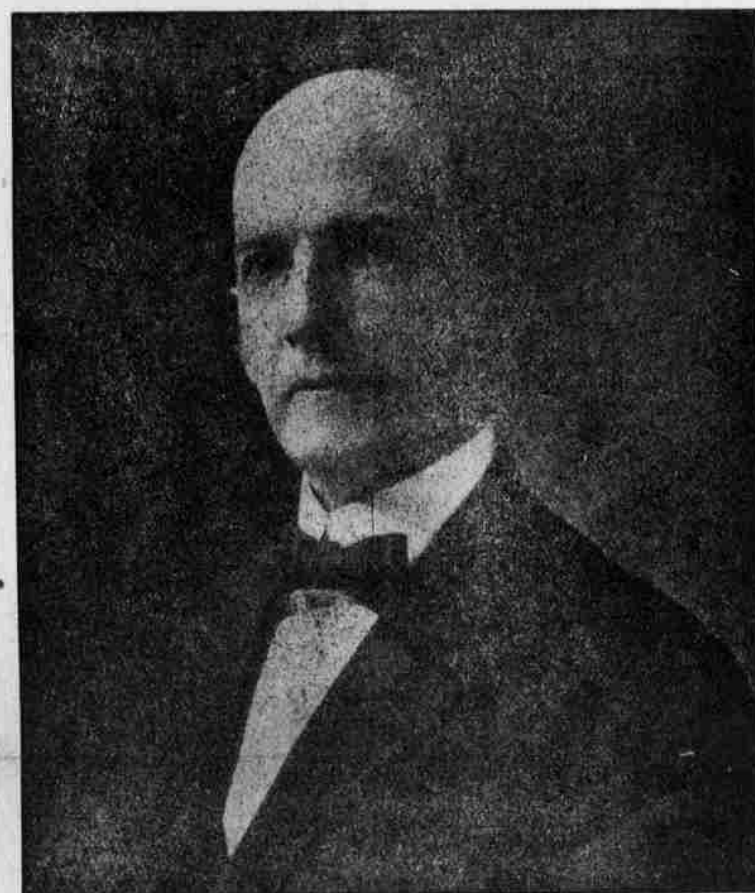
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Congressman Richard W. Austin
Who Has Always Worked For and Voted For All Junior Order
Measures That Have Been Before The House Since He
Has Been a Member of Congress

Thanks to Congressmen Richard W. Austin and J. L. Burnette for Valuable services rendered The Junior Order while serving in Congress.

A telegram was read from Congressmen Richard W. Austin of Tennessee, and J. L. Burnette, of Alabama, expressing regret that official business and consideration of important war legislation in the House of Representatives made it impossible for them to be present at this State Council, but they sent greetings and best wishes to all brother Juniors. They promised

that in the future, as in the past they would do their utmost to secure National legislation in line with the patriotic principles of our organization.

Signed Richard W. Austin, J. L. Burnette.

The State Secretary was instructed by the unanimous vote of the State Council to send a message to both Congressmen, extending the sincere thanks of the State Council for the valuable services they had rendered and their devotion to the true American principles that the Junior Order United American Mechanics stand for.

SENATOR SHIELDS DELAYS HIS VISIT HOME

Stays In Washington To Oppose Chamberlain Resolution

His Amendments to Increase Pay of Clerks, Rural Carriers and Postmasters Were Adopted

Washington, May 18—Senator Shields, who had expected to leave for home tonight, was prevented from doing so by the postponement of the vote in the senate on the Chamberlain resolution for an investigation of the conduct of the war. The vote, expected today, was deferred until Monday and the Tennessee senator, who is opposed to the resolution, decided he would not leave until it had been acted upon.

He had several amendments to the latter in which he was particularly interested and which were adopted before the bill was finally passed Thursday. His amendments provided for increased pay for rural carriers and also for clerks and fourth class postmasters. An average increase

in pay of about 20 per cent for these postal employees has been granted through the amendments fathered by the Tennessee senator.

UNION LABOR MEN FOR SENATOR J. K. SHIELDS

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 18. Union labor in Chattanooga is reported to be lining up solidly for Senator Shields. Within the past few days there have been conferences of the leaders for the purpose of studying his record from the standpoint of labor and it is reported that he has been found entirely acceptable. In his action and vote in the senate is found his only record of his sentiments touching questions of interest to labor, court decisions not being a tangible basis of his stand. One regarded by the labor leaders as of the leading spokesmen of labor was saying here today that there could be no important issue raised as between Shields and Cates from the standpoint of labor, the latter having no record whatever on the subject and the former being regarded as a conservative man friendly to the wage earner.

Have the Right Idea.

Aldershot (Eng.) town council has opened a communal kitchen for women workers and children at a cost of \$1,250.

Sioux Falls, S. D., has adopted the city manager system instead of the commission form of government.